BAR HILL NEWS

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- Write to us at **Parish Council Offices, Hanover Close, Bar Hill. CB23 8EH**
- Email the Chair of Trustees at **chair-of-trustees@barhill-ca.org**, or
- Call/ message/ WhatsApp **07814 871752**.

We meet monthly on the second Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the Fox. If you'd like an agenda please get in touch!

Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association. Anonymous letters will not be published. Names and addresses may be withheld.

There is no charge for Articles, What's On, For Sale or Lost and Found. These appear at the Editor's discretion.

All items should be submitted to **bhn-editor@barhill-ca.org**

See www.barhill-ca.org

SAXON PARK/ BAR HILL SKATEPARK

Exciting news from Saxon Park Skatepark!

Our tender document has been approved by the Parish Council! That means we are now waiting for contractors to submit bids for the build, with a deadline of 1st October. After that, the Skatepark Working Party will meet to choose a contractor.

Please help us take the first big step!

We now need to begin raising funds for the first step: a geotechnical survey of the site. If you are able, please head to our JustGiving page (QR code below, middle) and give what you can. Anything really helps at this time!

Want to stay updated?

Scan the QR codes below on your phone camera and follow us on YouTube and Facebook. If you'd like to be involved, consider coming to a Skatepark Task Group meeting, held in the Sports and Social Club every fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Have your say, lend some support or just see what we're up to! We would love to see you there!

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September 2025 Timetable

Every Monday, 10-12 (unless otherwise listed) in the Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery)
The Hub is for people of all ages as a place to gather & enjoy community!

1 September	Coffee Stop, Foodbank, Chess, traditional & 5Aside versions	Health & Wellbeing 10.15 - 10.45
8 September		Carers Café - Make a Carer Comfort Box 10.00 - 11.30
15 September		Health & Wellbeing 10.15 - 10.45
22 September		Evergreens 10.00 - 11.30 Meet a Parish Councillor 10.00 - 12.00
29 September		Hope Active Kurling 10.00 - 12.00

WHEN: Every Monday 10am – 12pm.

WHERE: The Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery), Bar Hill, CB23 8EH

WHAT: Our vision is to create a fairer and friendlier community, so everyone can thrive and knows where to turn to for warmth, welcome, friendship and support. The Hub is a busy gathering space, providing a warm, comfortable, welcoming space for our entire community. Come along and join us, we look forward to seeing you!

Coffee Stop: Pop in for a coffee, a piece of delicious home-made cake and a chat with friends, old and new!

Foodbank: No need for any vouchers. If you are struggling financially, drop by and let us help you, available between 10am and 11.30am

Citizens Advice: NOTICE: for health reasons, there is no village Citizens Advice service. To book an appointment for face to face, email or telephone advice with the Cambridge office, please use the following contact details

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Evergreens: a safe space for those with memory loss to enjoy: Conversation, Connection, Celebration. Accompanied by a carer, friend or family member. When: usually 4th Monday of each month. Please see separate entry in Bar Hill News for more information.

Health & Wellbeing: On the 1st & 3rd Monday, take advantage of some exercise guidance from our experienced coach and visiting speakers (starting at 10.15am).

Carers Café: On the 2nd Monday of the month, providing support for any carers in the village, even if you are not a patient of Maple Surgery

Meet a Parish Councillor: you can meet one of our Parish Councillors to discuss any issues within our village, between 10am and 12pm on the 4th Monday of the month. Just look for the sign within the Coffee Stop.

Traditional & 5Aside Chess (within the Coffee Stop): A great way to connect and start a conversation with people happy to teach you this wonderful game. Come along and join us for refreshments and a chat!

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Dear all,

I want to thank everyone who responded (on Facebook) with their lovely comments on my cleaning of the two benches last month.

It was very kind of you all and very much appreciated. We are all certainly very lucky to have such good neighbours in our village.

I would like to just say that there are other people out there, who do better and greater things than I do for our village and wish my grateful thanks to all of them.

Lots of love'n hugs gang,

Fran Baker (and Charlie the dog)

Bar Hill Indoor Bowls Club

We meet in the school on Friday evenings during term time only from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm with a 1/2 hour break for coffee. We are a very friendly group and we would love to have some new members. It doesn't matter if you have never played before just come along and join us one Friday, the cost is £3 per week but the 1st week is free.
The new term starts on Friday 5 September when we look forward to welcoming our members back for the new term. So if any one would like to come and give indoor bowls a go please join us on the 5th.

If you would like more information please contact me on **01954 204171 / 07847 327709** or **barbara.page@live.co.uk**

Help! We're Missing Something

Maybe it's an article by a group you support? A bit of local news? Or even details of an event? Let us know! Deadline for our September issue is **Thursday 11th September**.

Dear all,

The trustees would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Fete and Festival such a resounding success.

To the wonderful volunteers of the Fete and Festival Committee, your tireless dedication, creativity and enthusiasm brought the event to life. From planning and organising to marshalling stalls and coordinating activities on the day, none of this would have been possible without your hard work and dedication.

A huge thank you as well to Bar Hill Parish Council, your continued backing helps keep this cherished tradition alive and thriving for our community.

We are also deeply grateful to our generous company sponsors. Your contributions enabled us to create an event filled with joy, entertainment and memorable experiences for all who attended. Your support truly makes a difference, and we couldn't do it without you.

A special thanks must go to the fantastic Swavesey Village College Band, whose performance was a real highlight of the day. Their wonderful music created such a lively atmosphere and was enjoyed by everyone – young and old alike.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came along and joined in the festivities. Your smiles, laughter and community spirit are what make the fete so special.

We look forward to welcoming you all again for the next fete in 2026. Until then, thank you once again for being part of something so special!

Anthony Mitchell (BHCA Vice Chair)

The deadline for submissions is the second Thursday of the Month.
Please send your article to **bhn-editor@barhillca.org** (PDF, Word, Pages, etc)

Bar Hill Library - September 2025

Bar Hill Library will be temporarily closed for building work from Monday 1 September for approximately three months.

Whilst works are ongoing, library services will be available at the nearby Willingham, Histon and Cambridge Central libraries. We will also be hosting library drop-in sessions and will share further details on these with you once the dates have been confirmed.

All return dates will be extended throughout the closure period and alternative collection points will be offered when making reservations.

To find out more please visit **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/temporary-library-works**

Rest assured that provision has been made for all those who have been taking part in our Summer Reading Challenge. We look forward to seeing you at our award ceremonies.

We will continue to post updates so keep an eye on our social media and the above link.

Bar Hill Catholic Mass

Celebrating our love of God – Meeting with friends – Volunteering

Mass will be held in Bar Hill Church at 6pm on Saturdays. Our services are open to all and everyone is very welcome to attend.

If you have any queries please call Bunty Waters **07734 690580**.

Our local parish priest is Father Adrian Gates, from OLEM, Ditton he is also the Hospital Chaplain - **07842 190882**.

Come & worship - everyone welcome.

Contact Bunty Waters for more info.

Bar Hill HAPPY HOURS Club

The Bar Hill Happy Hours club meets in the main bar area of the Bar Hill Sports and Social Club between 2 and 4pm on Friday afternoons for tea/coffee and cakes, getting together with friends, fun and games. All of this for only £2 per person. The bar is open if you want something extra.

Coming in September:

5th September: Bingo and a quiz
12th September: Greek theme
19th September: Bingo and a quiz
26th September: MacMillan Afternoon tea

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8 o'clock club

The club is a women's group and we meet in the school on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm. *The first meeting of the new term begins on Thursday 4 September at 7.30pm in the school. The 1st meeting is our enrolment evening when we come together for a glass of wine & nibbles.*

Our fee is £15 per year to join and then we make a charge at each meeting to cover the cost of refreshments and a raffle.

We welcome new members to the club. If you would like to join please come along to one of our meetings or phone Barbara **204171** (**07847 327709**) Adela **204265** or Ann **204687**

To the fete committee

I just want to say thank you, for the noise level of the music this year being lower than previous years. It was perfect, considerate and very much appreciated.

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Some of you may remember me in my former life as a teacher in the Middles at Bar Hill School where I taught for 10 years before I was ordained a Priest. Although I am retired, you never really retire as a Christian, so I am involved in Bar Hill Church, helping with the young people, leading occasional services and serving in various ways.

CHRISTMAS EVE PROSECCO!

I have a passion for prayer – prayer is simply talking with God; speaking to Him and listening. My experience is that praying makes all the difference! Have you tried chatting with God lately? Whenever, I am feeling thankful, or I have something that's on my mind – maybe I am worried or I need help in some way, I speak to God about it. He reassures me and helps me and I feel listened to and loved by Him.

By the way - you may have also seen me in and around the village litter picking. Whenever I walk our dog Maddie, I take out my litter picker to do my bit keeping our village tidy and I also pop into the school and litter pick in the playground with some of the children every couple of weeks.

So thank you God for Bar Hill church and for the village, AMEN.

Contacts

Church Office: Ian Farr, 01954 206120, church.office@barhillchurch.org.uk

Working hours usually include Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Enquiries about hiring space for an event should be directed to Ian.

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We will be pleased to see you if you are a regular member, a new member or if you have never been before.

Summer is turning to Autumn, holidays are coming to a close for many, and you may find this a challenging time. If so you are very welcome to come along and meet others who may be in a similar position.

We are a very welcoming group where you can talk freely and where your confidence will be respected. There will be time to share your experiences, join in discussions and get to know others in the group.

If you are not sure if the group is right for you, please phone one of us to discuss it. We welcome all newcomers but would ask that you come at 10am so that we can explain the format.

The leaders, who are CRUSE trained, and the other members of the group will offer a warm welcome, and you will meet other people who have been through loss and who understand the pain and difficulties that this brings.

For more details telephone Sue Kenchington on **780260**, or Chris Stannard on **781978**.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We meet in the Octagon on the 4th Thursday of the Month, at 7.30pm.
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LOCAL REORGANISATION

Last year, national Government said it wanted to implement a new system of local government, removing the current two-tier structure of district/city councils and county councils. As a result of this from April 2028 residents will access all services, including benefits, bin collections, housing, education, planning, road maintenance and social care through one unitary authority.

Parish & Town councils will be unaffected, and will continue to work as they do now.

So you can keep up to date with local changes on the South Cambs District Council website; **www.scambs.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation**

LOW INCOME FAMILY TRACKER

Families on lower incomes who are likely to be eligible for benefits but not currently claiming them were identified as part of the LIFT programme. These families are being contacted with offers of additional help and support in making a claim for benefits for which they are eligible - including Pension Credit.

If you think you might be eligible to benefit from this service please contact South Cambs directly via their website; **www.scambs.gov.uk/benefits**

COUNTRYSIDE IN THE AUTUMN

Look out for markets, British Food Fortnight runs from 26 September to 12 October, look out for farm shops, Frank's Farm, Elsworth, Bury Lane, Melbourn and many others!

NEW RULES FOR RENTERS

Protections for tenants agains eviction has been strengthened - including the abolition of Section 21 ("no fault") evictions. A new Private Rented Sector Landlord Ombudsman for tenant/landlord complaint resolution has been setup and much more.

GRANT FUNDING

South Cambs has launched a new grant scheme with at least £90,000 worth of grant funding available to support projects that boost the heart of communities across South Cambridgeshire.

Grants of between £5,000 to £20,000 per project are available to local businesses, charities, community groups and Parish Councils within the district.

The scheme aims to improve the look of our high streets, promote rejuvenation, encourage residents to shop locally and attract more local businesses to the area.

The grant scheme is funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) is the lead authority for the UKSPF delivery within Cambridgeshire, with us being responsible for delivering the grant scheme.

The government funding has been allocated to support rural areas by enhancing the appearance and character of towns and villages to help boost the local economy and improve overall quality of life for residents.

This grant is aimed at projects that revitalise local shopping areas, increase footfall, encourage residents to shop locally and stimulate economic growth. There is a total of £90,000 in the funding pot. Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 per project will be available to local businesses, charities, community groups and Parish Councils.

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Bar Hill Preschool CIO wish those children moving onto Bar Hill Primary School this month lots of fun and exciting times, as they start their new adventure at school. We will greatly miss you all!

We have been closed in the month of August and re-open on Wednesday 3rd September. We are looking forward to welcoming all the new families starting with us this month, and children returning from the summer break. We can't wait to hear what adventures you have had!

We would like to thank the 'Tesco Community Champion' for selecting Bar Hill Preschool CIO for receiving their 'book fund charity' money for August. We will use this money to buy stationery supplies for the children.

Date for your diaries: Photographer for children/family groups (with a Christmas scene backdrop).

Event is open to all, not just families that attend the setting.

On Monday 3rd November, in the morning (local schools are closed on this day) we will have a photographer visiting the setting, taking photos of family groups with a Christmas themed background. The photos will make a lovely Christmas present. You pay for any photos you decide to order from the proofs provided shortly after the event.

Why not book a time slot for your family/ children? See contact information below to request a slot.

Do you have a child aged 2-4 years old and looking for childcare? We are a term time setting open Monday to Friday 8.30am -3pm. Interested in finding out more? Call us **01954 782892** or email **enquiries@barhillpreschool.co.uk**

We are also taking applications for sessions from September 2026 as well as this current school year.

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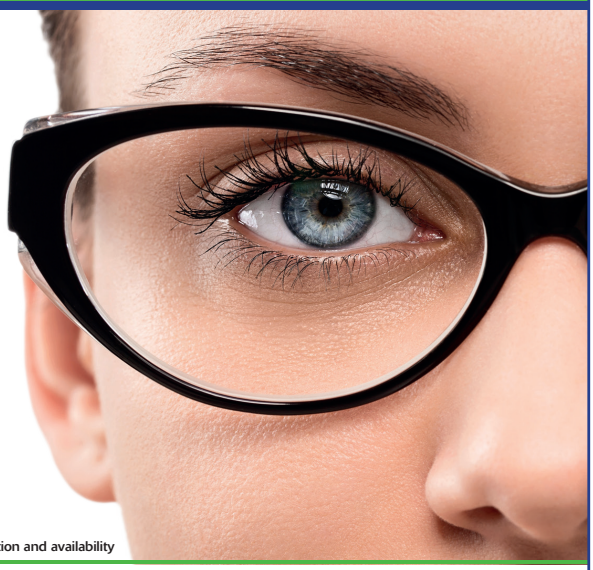

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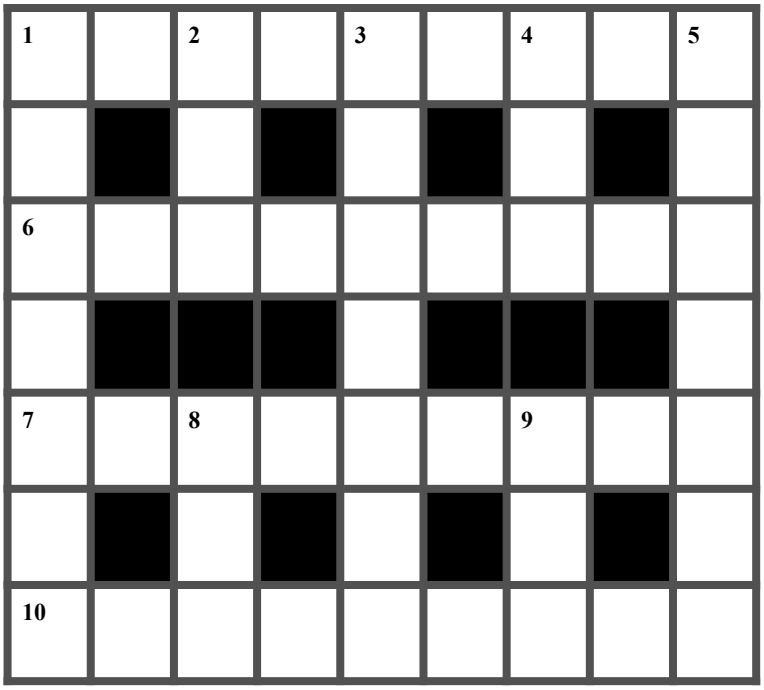

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Bar Hill Golf Course's First Pro Golfer - Geoff Huggett

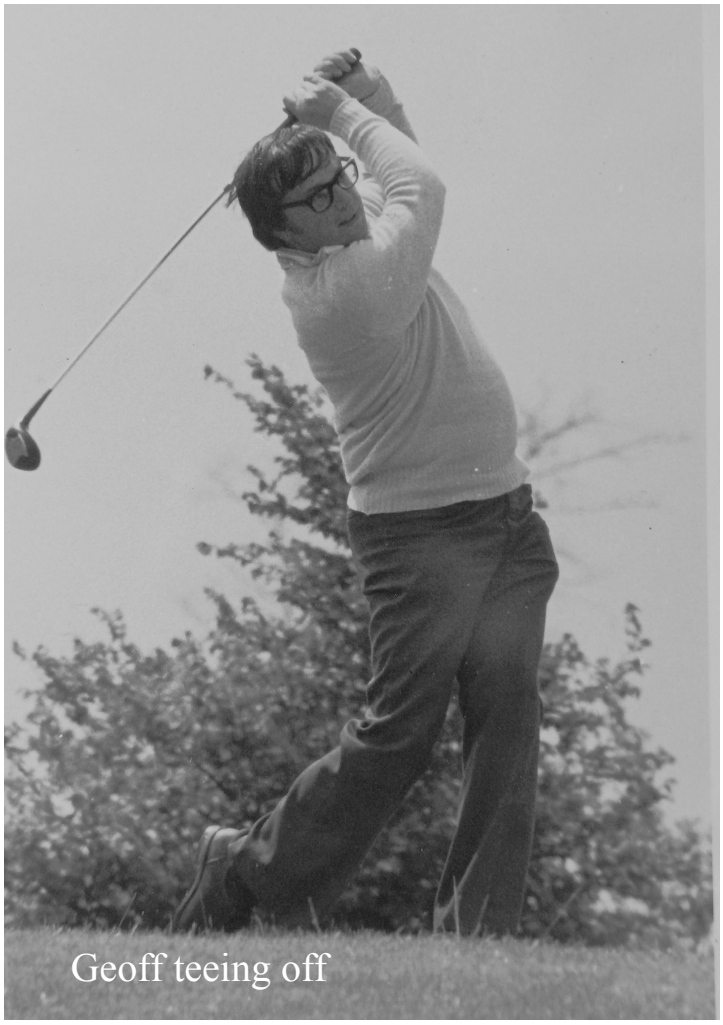
September 2025, sees the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Golf course at Bar Hill. This magnificent course, covering some 200 acres, hugs the north-eastern border of the village, creating a lush green barrier between the busy A14 and our homes. I spoke to Professional Golfer Geoff Huggett, the man who managed the golf course and was proprietor of the golf and sports shops from its very inception.

Geoff, his wife Lesley and their small daughter Lisa, moved to Bar Hill on the 14th February 1973, having bought a brand new home in Pheasant Rise. Prior to the move to Bar Hill, Geoff and his family lived in Redhill, Surrey where he was the Golf Pro at Redhill & Reigate Golf Course. He brought his family to Bar Hill having been head-hunted by the Managing Director of the prestigious Cunard Hotels Group, and was offered the job of Golf Professional and Sports Manager at the newly built Cambridgeshire Hotel and Golf Course. At the time, as well as managing the golf club and swimming pool, Geoff ran a very busy squash club at the Hotel's own courts.

As Geoff settled in to his new job, his family settled into village life in Bar Hill and, in 1975 a second daughter Joanne, was welcomed to the family. "My wife and family enjoyed living in Bar Hill from day one" Geoff told me.

Geoff was born in South Wales to his Welsh mother Annie May Flower and his Pro Golfer father George. George and Annie met at the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club where George taught golf and Annie was a waitress. George taught Geoff to play at the tender age of just six years, at Neath Golf Club. In 1950 the family moved back to George's roots in Redhill, Surrey, where he remained in post for 13 years.

The Huggett family were becoming something of a golfing dynasty, with



Geoff teeing off

Geoff and his elder brother Brian following in their father's footsteps as Golf Professionals. Brian Huggett was a very successful Professional Tournament Golfer who was awarded an MBE for his services to golf. "Brian took on the promotional role of 'flag waver' for the Cambridgeshire Hotel whilst playing in the world's major golf tours" Geoff told me "My brother represented the UK and Ireland in the Ryder cup Trophy six times, following that he was invited to be non-playing captain of the team for the same trophy" Geoff went on. Geoff himself has taught golf and regularly played professionally, as a member of the Professional Golfers association, since 1960.

The Chairman of Cunard Hotels, and number two in the huge Trafalgar House organisation, was lord Victor Matthews. He was also the brainchild behind the Cambridgeshire Hotel and Golf Course. "Victor was a huge horse racing fan and

stabled his own horses at Newmarket. Could this have influenced his decision for the location of the hotel?" Geoff wondered. He and Geoff played together at Bar Hill, becoming firm friends. Together they organised tournaments such as Professional, Pro/am and Pro celebrity. "At one event the famous horse Red Rum attended" Geoff told me.

Geoff & his wife Lesley with Ryder Cup

During Geoff's time as Pro Golfer in Bar Hill various illustrious professionals were invited to play on the course. Amongst them was Bobby Locke, a South African 4 X Open Championship winner and Tom Watson, an international golfer from USA.

The golf club held at least one Pro celebrity tournament a year. Amongst the celebrities were Bruce Forsythe, Jimmy Tarbuck, Reg Varney, Henry Cooper and Des O'Connor.

"One day, whilst I was in my shop" Geoff recalled "I was surprised by Ronnie Corbett making an appearance and inviting me for a drink on the instructions of my brother Brian! Brian and Ronnie were great pals."

Later in 1990, with golf company Petron, Geoff was instrumental in the development of a golf swing analyser. "This recorded how the golf ball had been struck, and information such as where it hit the face of the club, speed of flight, direction and distance travelled. This all helped to improve the player's swing" Geoff explained

Geoff still lives in the same house in Pheasant Rise. The house has been expanded, along with his family which now includes three grandchildren. Harvey, Geoff's seventeen year old grandson, has recently taken up golf and is showing a great aptitude for the game. Could Harvey be set to carry on the Huggett legacy and walk in his grandfather's and great grandfather's golfing shoes?

On this the 50th anniversary of the golf course, Geoff told me he feels confident that the Hotel complex will still be running in Bar Hill in another 50 years, even if he isn't!

Pro-Celeb tournament in Bar Hill

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TAKE CARE…

We are currently seeking funding to resurface our ageing courts as the surface is breaking up in places leaving loose gravel on the surface. So anyone playing should take care, and particularly check that the courts are suitable for play after rain.

OCCASIONAL PAY & PLAY GAMES

You can book a pay & play game using the tennis nets and your own equipment. Go to https://barhilltennisclub.co.uk/book.

CLUB TIMES

Our Adult Club nights for social tennis are Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 6.30pm.

Our Adult Club times for pickleball are Monday evenings starting at 6.00pm, with a Beginners' session 5.00-6.00pm, and Friday mornings at 10.00am.

MEMBERSHIP: HALF YEAR NOW AVAILABLE

Half-year club membership runs from September to March and is now available from the website. Membership covers both tennis and pickleball and you can be part of the WhatsApp groups for either or both sports which give info about what's happening. You can apply online at **http://www.barhilltennisclub.co.uk**.

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Helping Hedgehogs in September

As the evenings begin to draw in and the air takes on that early autumn crispness, September is a crucial time for one of our most beloved garden visitors; the hedgehog.

These charming little creatures are now busily preparing for hibernation, and how we support them this month can make the difference between survival and struggle over the winter.

Feeding Up for the Winter

Throughout September, hedgehogs are focused on building up the fat reserves they need to get through hibernation, which usually starts in late October or November. You can give them a real boost by putting out a dish of meaty wet cat or dog food (non-fish flavours), dry cat biscuits, or specially formulated hedgehog food. Always provide a shallow bowl of fresh water too – never milk, as it can cause severe digestive issues.

Creating a Safe Haven

If you have a garden, even a small one, there are lots of simple ways to make it more hedgehog-friendly. One of the most helpful things you can do is cut a 13cm x 13cm hole at the base of your garden fence – this 'hedgehog highway' allows them to travel safely between gardens to forage and find nesting spots.

Leaving a wild corner with logs, leaves, or an untidy compost heap provides natural shelter and attracts insects – their favourite food! And if you're feeling crafty, building or buying a hedgehog house gives them a secure spot to hibernate.

Look Out for Little Ones

If you spot a small hedgehog out during the day, or one that looks underweight (less than 450g), especially later in the month, it may not survive hibernation without help. For help and advice. Contact: Liz Dams - **07912988898** / Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital **- 07947 361187**

Autumn Hazards

Please also take care when tidying up the garden. Always check bonfires, leaf piles, and compost heaps for nesting hedgehogs before lighting or disturbing them. And keep netting, litter, and slug pellets well out of reach – these can all be fatal to hedgehogs.

A Hedgehog-Friendly Community

September is a wonderful time to get neighbours, schools, or community groups involved. A simple chat over the garden fence can encourage others to leave out food, open up fence access, or avoid pesticides. Let's make this autumn a safer, kinder season for our prickly friends. They've been part of our landscape for centuries, and with a little help, they always can be.

Wildlife Gardening in September

Leave seed heads & berries – They provide food for birds and insects.

Plant nectar-rich flowers: Late bloomers like sedum, michaelmas daisy, and ivy feed bees and butterflies.

Create leaf & log piles: Shelter for hedgehogs, toads, and overwintering insects.

Avoid pesticides: Beneficial insects still active will be harmed.

Pond care: Remove excess blanket weed but leave it by the side for a day so creatures can crawl back in.

Put out water: Shallow dishes help birds, hedgehogs, and pollinators.

Sow wildflower seeds: Autumn sowing gives early blooms next year.

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Lorries parking on the ring road

This problem seems to be getting worse! Fortunately there are some things which can be done. Probably the option most likely to succeed is for the Parish Council to apply for a Local Highways Initiative grant to extend double yellow lines on the ring road and put up no parking signs. This is quite a simple process and should be possible, as there is such a strong case.

To help their application can residents take pictures of lorries parked up on this stretch (date stamped if possible) and post them on the community Facebook page? This will provide evidence of the problem for the funding application. Please take care when taking a photo!

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The County Council offers free holiday scheme places for children this summer. The scheme is open to children who are eligible for free school meals and offers the chance to enjoy a wide range of experiences. The HAF programme focuses on providing healthy meals and engaging activities. The government has stated that HAF funding will continue through 2026 which is very welcome.

In addition families receiving free school meals benefit from food vouchers worth £15 per child, per week, across school holidays. This amounts to approximately £2 million in support over the summer months.

Support for Residents

Residents struggling with the cost of living is available through the *Household Support Fund*. Between April and June 2025, around 7,000 residents in Cambridgeshire accessed assistance through the fund, demonstrating its vital role supporting our local families. Grant funding from the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee has enabled Citizens Advice to provide income maximisation services, guiding families to appropriate benefits, manage their bills and secure longer-term stability.

Programmes like these are a lifeline for local families struggling with rising costs, and by providing vouchers and essential support, we're helping to ensure no child goes hungry and no household faces hardship alone. We remain committed to standing by our community and offering support where it's needed most, to help create a fairer and more caring Cambridgeshire.

To find out whether you're eligible for the support visit the Council's website and search for "Holiday Activities and Food" or "Household Support Fund".

Citizens Advice can be contacted via their website; **www.cambridgecab.org.uk** or by calling **08082 787808** (9am to 4pm).

Results days

I'm writing this on A level results day in August and mindful it is a big day for many local young people and their families, as it will be when GCSE results are published next week. For these young people, who experienced significant disruption in their education from Covid, these results reflect a huge amount of hard work and resilience. I'd like to send my very best wishes to them for whatever they wish to do next!

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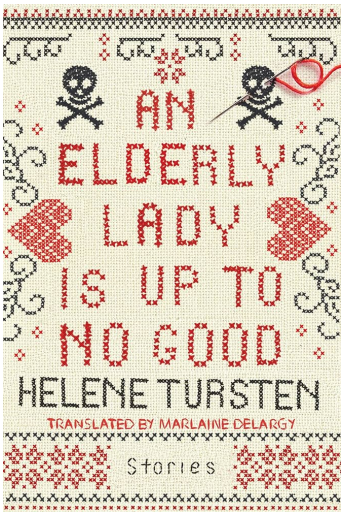
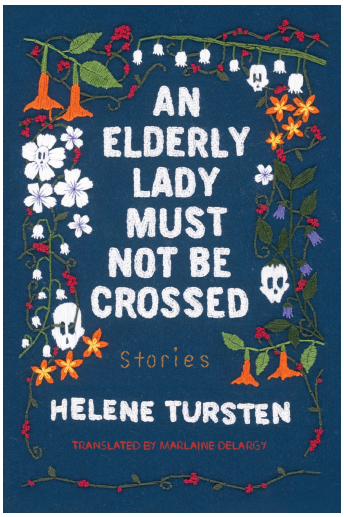


Bar Hill Ladies Book Club

Bar Hill Book Club will meet again on Tuesday 16th September in the Sports and Social Club at 7:30 pm.This month's book is: "An Elderly lady is up to no good" by Helene Tursten. For details of future events please email **julie45172@outlook.com** or call/text **07779 846303**



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Bar Hill Cricket Club

Well, July was a bit of a washout for us with two Saturday league matches falling victim to the weather without a ball being bowled.

Add in the blank week in our fixtures on Fete Day and the win we were awarded by default when Fulbourn II conceded and we haven't seen much action!

However, the one match we did play resulted in an emphatic victory over Cherry Hinton II which keeps us in the promotion picture at the top of CCA Division 4W.

After struggling to take wickets initially, but restricting our opposition's scoring, a flurry of late wickets saw Cherry Hinton end on 174 for 8 in their 40 overs – their second wicket fell with the score on 140, so it was a good late performance by Bar Hill. Most of those wickets fell to Phil Orvis, who took 5 for 33.

In reply, Sam Carrington scored 52 and put on a partnership of 117 for the second wicket with Paul Stimpson, who made 37. With some late hitting by Sujith Kidangoor (28 not out), Bar Hill won with seven wickets in hand and still 17 overs to spare.

The result leaves Bar Hill in third place at the time of writing but still with the top two teams - Longstowe and Cambridge Tamil Sangam - still to play.

In the midweek Cambridge Business Houses League, two games were played in the last month as more fixture were cancelled along the way.

We beat RSC comfortably, Tom Linford-Wood, Adam Underhay and Sujith taking two wickets each and Jeemon Vazhappily smashing 55 and Tom 34 not out as we reached the target of 102 with only one wicket lost.

On Parker's Piece against Cambridge NCI, Bar Hill made only 77, with Tom hitting 31 of those. NCI reached their target with two wickets down.

Finally, many thanks to all those who visited our barbecue on Fete Day – your support helps the club to keep moving forward and is very much appreciated.

You can get in touch via info@barhillcricket.org.uk or on the number below, or follow all the latest in the Bar Hill News and on our website at barhillcricket.org.uk or on our Facebook page.

August fixtures

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Tue 5th: Cambridge NCI (A, CBHL)

Sat 9th: Cherry Hinton II (A, CCA)

Sat 16th: Cambridge St Giles IV (H, CCA)

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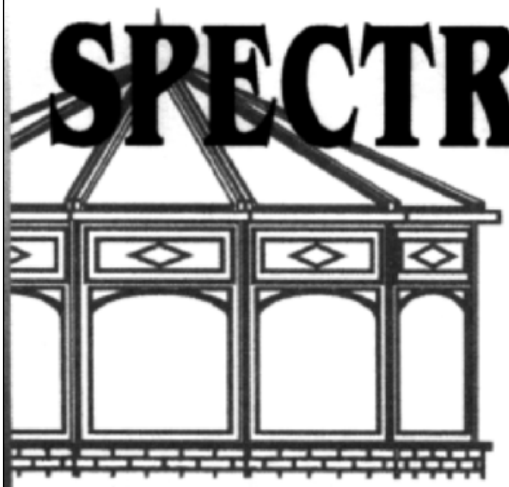

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IAN SOLLOM MP NEWSLETTER

Local Business Visit – Domino Printing Sciences

Over summer, I have spent time out in the constituency visiting local businesses to better understand the challenges they are currently facing locally and nationally. One of these visits was to Domino, an award-winning printing technologies developer headquartered in Bar Hill. It was fascinating to hear about the work they are doing in the constituency and worldwide, and I was particularly impressed by their commitment to skills development and innovation. Through their participation in Automate UK's Apprenticeship Cluster – a network of manufacturing businesses working to grow the talent pool and train the next generation of engineers – they are not just giving apprentices careers but skills for life, and I hope other businesses and sectors adopt this powerful model for training.

Climate Crisis & Environment

As we headed into another heatwave in late August, it was disturbing news that these intense weather events may now be our 'new normal'. Heatwaves are not just uncomfortable in our everyday lives, but have a wrecking effect globally. At the same time, failure to invest properly in renewable energy has led directly to sky-high energy bills that are hurting families and businesses across the constituency.

Back in July, I met a group of local campaigners in Parliament as part of The Climate Coalition's 'Act Now, Change Forever' lobby day. The huge number of people that came from across the country for this day sent a powerful message that the climate crisis is something that the Government must urgently prioritise. Last Parliament, I was proud to support the Climate and Nature Bill, which aimed to make the UK a world leader in tackling the crisis, and I recently signed Early Day Motion 1184, which regretted that this bill did not progress in the House of Commons and urged the Government to do more to address critical climate challenges.

I will also now be working alongside climate campaigners in the constituency to understand what matters most to them and how I can best represent them in Parliament. I recognise the crucial role I must play as an MP in stepping up against climate change, and I will continue to fight for our future as best I can.

Get in Touch

I continue to hold both in-person and online surgeries to speak directly to constituents about their issues. If you feel you have a problem I could help with, or you have a policy matter you would like to discuss with me, please don't hesitate to contact me at **ian.sollom.mp@parliament.uk** to request a surgery appointment.

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our next lunch is on Saturday, September 27

The Fox Pub Re-opens with a Fresh New Look and Community Focus

The Fox Pub has reopened its doors under the management of new landlady **Sharron Cattermoul**, welcoming villagers back with a bright new colour scheme, updated furniture, and a warm family-friendly atmosphere.

The refurbishment has brought a range of new features, including a dedicated children's play area and a refreshed beer garden, making The Fox a space for all ages to enjoy.

Sharron emphasised that the pub's focus is on being at the heart of the community. "We want to be a part of village life without stepping on the toes of other venues," she said. "It's about working together, not competing."

In addition to being a lively social hub with regular **pool and darts teams**, The Fox is opening its doors to community groups during the afternoons. Organisations temporarily displaced by the ongoing library refurbishment are especially welcome, and Sharron is also keen to host activities such as bingo and women's groups.

The relaunch hasn't been without its challenges. Sharron acknowledged "teething problems" with the food service but stressed that the team is listening closely to customer feedback and making ongoing improvements.

The Fox is also creating opportunities for local employment, with positions currently open for a **chef and a part-time cleaner**. Sharron confirmed that local applicants will be warmly considered.

With its new facilities, commitment to collaboration, and a strong community focus, The Fox is aiming to become more than just a pub, but a true meeting place for the village.

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PLAY PARK: Please can adults NOT use the play equipment in the new play park this is to stop equipment breaking and wearing.

BBQs: Please do not use disposable BBQs on the Village Green.

LITTER PICKING: A big thank you to all those that take time to pick litter around the village and a massive thank you to the Junior Parish Council for their recent big litter pick.

USEFUL LINKS: Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 (**bit.ly/bh-dogfouling**) - Environmental Crime (**bit.ly/bh-envirocrime**) - Damaged Street Nameplate (**bit.ly/bh-streetnameplate**) - Reporting issues with roads, paths, street lights, etc. (**bit.ly/bh-highwaysfault**) - Report a non-urgent Crime - (**bit.ly/bh-reportcrime**)

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At the end of the summer term we enjoyed end of term parties and said 'Good bye' to the children leaving us to start school. We celebrated the Wimbledon finals and of course the England women’s football team wining the Euros, again!

We have had a brilliant summer with so many exciting adventures with our friends. We have enjoyed playing in the garden, long nature walks and have visited so many fun places including Johnson’s of Oldhurst, Denny Abbey farmland museum, Wimpole farm and Anglesey Abbey, Cambridge Science Centre, both Hinchingbrooke and Milton country parks, splash pads Cambridge and Royston, we've had bus trips and visited the cinema and soft play centres. We've had fun with lots of crafts, den building and outdoor activities.

We are looking forward to a new term filled with Autumn topics, Wildlife Day, 'Letter writing Day' as well as helping our children settle into their new schools and classes after the summer break.

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The full annual subscription this season (September 2024 - May 2025) is; Adult £68, Concession £55 (Pension age), or Youth membership £20.

Any 1st meeting is free to attend. Then anyone can continue to visit as a guest visitor (£4 per meeting) after that or pay the membership fee.

The Club meets in the “Carol Shaw' room at Swavesey Village College every Thursday during College term time 7pm - 9pm.

For further info and to see some of our members’ photos check out our website.

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What a Day! – Bar Hill Fete & Festival, 12th July 2025

What a truly fantastic day we had on 12th July 2025! The sun shone, the crowds turned out in force, and the atmosphere was incredible. Local companies gave their support, the bands and suppliers were brilliant, our village clubs joined in, and the feedback has been nothing short of wonderful.

I'd like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make the day such a success:

- Our generous sponsors and the Parish Council for their continued support,
- Del Moyes for donating the safety barriers (which are now available for other groups to use in the village!),
- Alan Hewings, our resident DJ, for keeping the music flowing,
- Wendy, our vicar, for volunteering to officially open the fete and hand out the prize to our colouring competition winner,
- All the stallholders, along with the football, cricket, and tennis clubs,
- The Saxon Park/ Skateboarding Committee,
- The church for hosting a great afternoon of entertainment and music,
- All the visiting attractions and performers
- The many volunteers who gave their time and energy,
- And, of course, everyone who came along and supported us on the day!

Finally, a very special thank you goes to the hardworking Fete and Festival Committee. This brilliant team brought the whole event together – and now, I think, deserve a well-earned rest for the next two or three months!

On a more personal note, I'd like to share that I have made the difficult decision to step down from all the committees I currently serve on in the village. After more than 20 years of volunteering, I feel it's time for new voices and fresh ideas to come forward - and for me to take a rest.

I'd also like to recognise two committee members:

- **Geoff Caswell**, who has stepped down after giving so much in recent years - thank you for everything!
- **Graeme Hinchliffe**, who will be taking a year out - thank you for your hard work with the stage and music

It has been a privilege and a joy to volunteer within the village. It's been rewarding, full of laughter, and a wonderful way to meet and work alongside so many people.

If you've ever thought about volunteering, now is the perfect opportunity to get involved – whether with the fete or with any of our many village groups. You'll find it fun, fulfilling, and a great way to give back to our community.

If you're interested, please get in touch at:

volunteering@barhill-ca.org

With gratitude and best wishes,

Dee Callaghan x

PS. I'm not vanishing! I will still be around to answer questions and otherwise support the new committee; I'm just no longer able to be actively involved. I, like I'm sure the rest of the village, look forward to attending next year's event!

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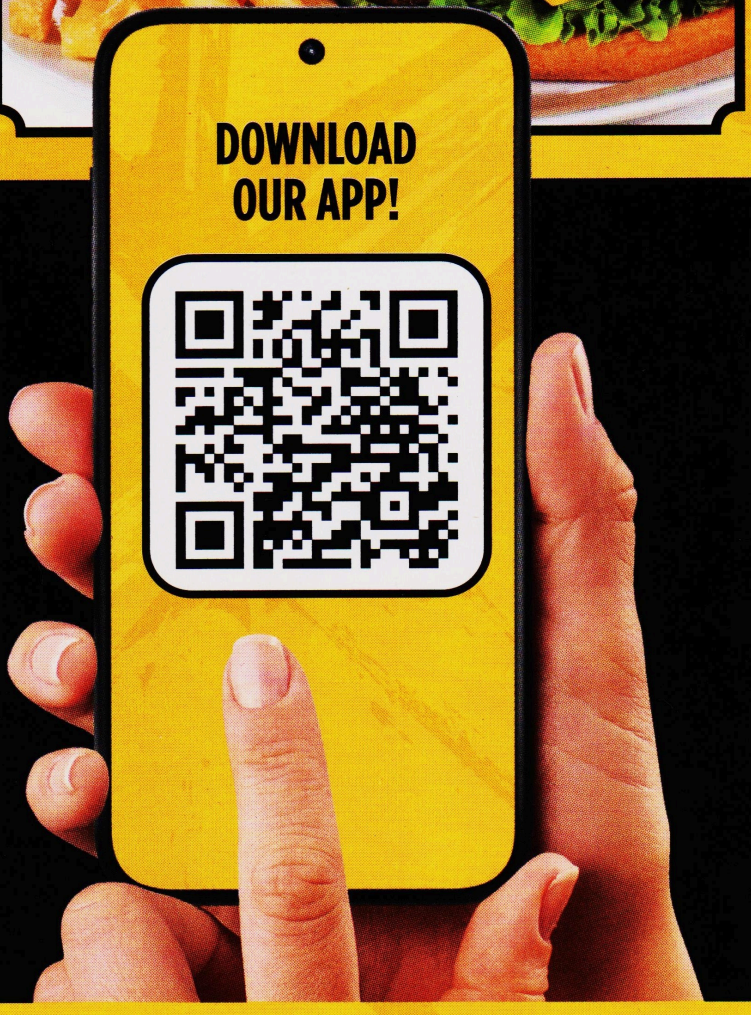

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